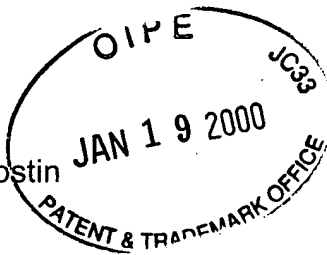


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Applicant: James C. Costin

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January 14, 2000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please find below a response to the Office Action mailed on July 15, 1999. Applicant requires a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and have attached the requisite authorization to charge the required fee to Deposit Account Number together with a "Petition for Extension of Time."

Amendment

In the claims:

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Amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (amended) The methods of claims [1-3] 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein said compounds are administered orally.